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1. IDB RESOLUTION 32 (VI) PROVIDES THAT PC'S FALL SESSION SHALL CONSIDER COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. THUS, ALTHOUGH PC-11 GAVE RATHER FULL CONSIDERATION TO COORDINATION (ID/B/135 PAGES 39-46), INCLUSION OF THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF PC-111 SETS THE STAGE FOR ESTABLISHING THE TIME PATTERN FORESEEN BY RESOLUTION 32.

2. AS FORECAST IN REPAIR, DOCUMENT ID/B/C.3/12-- COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER PC-111 AGENDA ITEM 5 FOCUSES ON THE QUESTION OF THE PREPARATION OF THE PERIODIC (SIXTH) CONSOLIDATED REPORT WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL UN ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. PC-111 IS INVITED TO REVIEW THE QUESTION OF THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT, INCLUDING THE CYCLE OF PREPARATION, FORMAT, SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT, RESOURCES REQUIRED
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FOR ITS PREPARATION, ETC. THE PC IS ALSO INVITED TO

GIVE ATTENTION TO THE TYPE OF REPORTS IT MIGHT WISH TO RECEIVE ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF COORDINATION. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN THE PAST THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT HAS BEEN A COMPILATION OF SOME 500 PAGES PUBLICATION OF WHICH AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT HAS INVOLVED SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE. BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS THE FIFTH CONSOLIDATED REPORT (1972) WAS NOT CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT AT IDB-VI BUT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO INTERESTED DELEGATIONS ONLY IN LIMITED AMOUNTS IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW CONCERNING US POSTURE AT IDB-VIII RUNS AS FOLLOWS: COMPILATION OF INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE TO THE EXERCISE BY UNIDO OF ITS COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES. THE RESULTANT PICTURE SHOULD FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF OVERLAPS, COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES OR CONFLICTING APPROACHES THAT CALL FOR COORDINATION AND/OR COOPERATION. IF THE SECRETARIAT FEELS THAT COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED IN THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE (VIENNA A-618 PARA 1) AND IF IT IS ACTUALLY UTILIZED TO SUPPORT ITS COORDINATION ACTIVITIES, WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE NEED FOR PERIODIC SURVEYS OF THIS TYPE. IN SUCH CASES THE SURVEYS SHOULD SERVE PRIMARILY AS A TOOL OF THE SECRETARIAT. IT SHOULD NOT BE REPORDUCED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FOR THE PC/IDB AND AT MOST SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED DELEGATIONS AS IN 1972 IN LIMITED COPIES IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE INDICATED THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT IN ANY CASE. (WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND IT USEFUL.) ALSO, THE REPORT SHOULD BE COMPILED ONLY EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS TO ALLOW TIME FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN AGENCY ACTIVITIES TO APPEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE EXISTENCE OF OVERLAP, DUPLICATION AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION CAN BE SUFFICIENTLY WELL IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF INTER-SECRETARIAT CONSULTATIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE

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BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND OTHER UN ORGANS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OR THROUGH EXCHANGES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ACC, THUS MAKING THE SPECIAL PRODUCTION OF A CONSOLIDATED REPORT UNNECESSARY. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE EXPLORED BY PC-111. IN ANY CASE, SHOULD THE CONCLUSION BE THAT SOME FORM OF CONSOLIDATED REPORT CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED, WE SHOULD

TAKE THE POSITION THAT IT BE DONE WITHIN THE EXISTING
RESOURCES OF THE SECRETARIAT. MORE IMPORTANT FOR PC/
IDB PURPOSES IS THE PREPARATION OF A SUCCINCT ANALYTICAL
REPORT WHICH WOULD EXAMINE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS
CONCERNING COOPERATION AMONG UN AGENCIES, AND IDENTIFY
COORDINATION PROBLEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY LEGISLATIVE
BODIES. THE ANALYTICAL REPORT SHOULD NOT BE A MERE
SUMMARY OF FACTUAL DATA ALREADY CONTAINED IN A CONSOLIDATED
REPORT OR OTHERWISE DEVELOPED THROUGH INTER-SECRETARIAT
DISCUSSION.

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